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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Cole, et al.

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Attention: DO/EO/US
Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-48.

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were previously pending, of which claims 21-48 have been cancelled. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.